



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.)
Serial No.: 09/391,861) Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen
Filed: September 7, 1999) Group Art Unit: 1632
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like)
Polypeptides)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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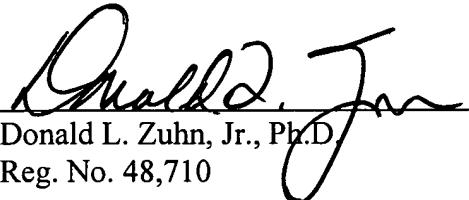
Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed August 24, 2004. A check including the amount of \$1,020.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: April 6, 2005

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